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SUBJ: ICAO: USSR REQUEST FOR QUID PRO QUO IN CONNECTION WITH MLS
VOTE

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1. LONDON IMMEDIATE OF MARCH 7 (REFTEL A) NOT RECEIVED MONTREAL
UNTIL TRACED AND REPEATED MARCH 16.

2. DURING INFORMAL SOCIAL MEETING EVENING MARCH 16 THERE WAS
CONGRATULATORY AIR AND SPIRIT OF EXCELLENT COOPERATION BETWEEN
US AND USSR AWOP DEL MEMBERS RE MLS VOTE. DURING DISCUSSIONS
VASILIEV TOOK USREP ASIDE ASKING IF WE HAD RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM
WASHINGTON ON THEIR FORMAL REQUEST FOR QUID PRO QUO IN FORM OF
RELIEF ON BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT NEGOTIATIONS. USREP RESPONDED
THAT MESSAGE HAD BEEN FORMALLY TRANSMITTED AND FORMALLY ACKNOW-
LEDGED AT TOP LEVEL. REITERATED HISTORIC/TRADITIONAL US POLICY OF
NEVER MIXING TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS CITING
SEPARATION OF FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY IN USG AND NEED TO KEEP
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS FREE FROM POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS.
VASILIEV REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED, AS AN
ASSISTANT TO MINISTER BUGAEV TO REQUEST US MINISTER
REPRESENTATIVE/ICAO TO FORMALLY ADVISE DEPARTMENT THAT USSR
DOES PUT ALL AVIATION CONSIDERATIONS INTO ONE BASKET AND THEY
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WILL PROCEED TO DO SO IN PRESENT SITUATION. HE ASKED FOR THE NAMES
OF THE "TOP OFFICIALS" WHO HAD ACKNOWLEDGED PREVIOUS MESSAGE.
USREP GAVE NAME OF BILLER/EB/TCA FOR CONSIDERATION AT ASSISTANT
SECRETARY LEVEL AND POINTED OUT THAT TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS
HAD ALSO GONE TO OTHER OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN BILATERAL AIR
TRANSPORT NEGOTIATIONS SUCH AS CAB.

3. VASILIEV SAID THAT STYLES HAD HEADED USDEL ON AIR TRANSPORT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH GAVE USREP OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT MESSAGE TRANSMITTED LAST WEEK HAD GONE TO NEXT HIGHER LEVEL. USREP ASKED IN SPIRIT OF NAIVETE WHAT BILATERAL PROBLEM WAS. VASILIEV SAID IT IS AN IMPASSE OVER THE QUESTION OF INCLUDING EUROPEAN/MOSCOW TRAFFIC DATA FOR CONSIDERATION RE CAPACITY OFFERED (FREQUENCIES) WHERE PAA PROVIDES NEW YORK-EUROPEAN SEGMENT. VASILIEV SAID THERE WAS NO SERIOUS PROBLEM ON ROUTES. USREP REITERATED THAT WE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF STATUS OF BILATERAL TALKS, ANY MORE THAN STATE/CAB BILATERAL OFFICIALS HAD KNOWLEDGE OF MLS. HE INDICATED THAT PAVLOV WHO HEADED THEIR BILATERAL TEAM IS EXTREMELY UPSET. HE ARRIVED IN MOSCOW FROM WASHINGTON NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE VASILIEV LEFT AND "TALKED MOST OF NIGHT" ABOUT THE PROBLEM.

4. USREP REITERATED INTEREST IN ONGOING COOPERATION IN TECHNICAL AREAS,(AT OTHER TIMES IN GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS REFERENCE WAS MADE TO UPCOMING VISIT ANODINA, AND US ATC TEAM GOING TO MOSCOW IN JUNE) AND EMPHASIZED AGAIN THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF COMBINING TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS BECAUSE OF POLICY OF MANY, MANY YEARS. VASILIEV REPLIED "YOUR POLICY MUST BE REVIEWED."

5. FYI: IN LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS ICAO WORLDWIDE SPECIAL AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE CONVENES IN MONTREAL. RUMORS ARE PAVLOV WILL HEAD USSR DEL. USREP UNDERSTANDS BILLER MAY HEAD USDEL. WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS ON MAJOR ECONOMIC ISSUES AT CONFERENCE IF PRESENT USSR ATTITUDE PREVAILS. END FYI.
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